

**REMARKS**

The Office Action states that the claims are drawn to two distinct inventions, for which restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicants hereby elect Invention I, corresponding to claims 1-23, for prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Claim 1 has been amended above.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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